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GOVERNMENT OF GOA

EXTRAORDINARY

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Public Health Department

Notification

71/101/84-I/PHD

1. Government is pleased to direct the levy of fees in Government Hospitals mentioned herebelow:

- a) Hospitals functioning under Goa Medical College, Bambolim.
- b) Hospitals functioning under Directorate of Health Services, Panaji viz. Hospicio Hospital, Margao, Asilo Hospital, Mapusa.
- c) Goa Dental College and Hospital, Bambolim.
- b) Hospital attached to Institute of Psychiatry & Human Behaviour, Altinho, Panaji.

2. Treatment in T. B. Leprosy Hospitals, Primary Health Centres, Upgraded Primary Health Centres, Rural Dispensaries, Urban Health Centres, Maternity Child Welfare Centres, etc. will be free, irrespective of the income of patients or their guardians except accommodation charges if admitted in private rooms of those hospitals wherever provided. However each person attending OPD will be charged registration fee of Rs. 5/- for OPD paper.

3. These Rules shall come into force with effect from the date of their publication in Official Gazette and shall supersede Notification No. 71/101/84-I/PHD dated 22-6-1993.

Rule - 1 Free Treatment: The following categories of persons will be investigated and treated *free* both out-patients and in-patients in general ward.

- i) All Government servants and dependent members of their families.

- ii) All retired Government servants and dependent members of their families.
- iii) All Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Nursing, Paramedical and other students of Government Institutions, Junior Residents or equivalent categories.
- iv) Persons detained by order of Magistrate.
- v) Under trial prisoners and persons sent for examination and treatment in Medico Legal cases.
- vi) Political sufferers, Freedom Fighters and members of their families.
- vii) Employees of State Social Welfare Advisory Board, Family and Child Welfare Project and members of their families.
- viii) Both categories of Sportsmen (i) those who participated in National and International Sports (ii) those who participated in Inter-State University Sports.
- ix) V. I. Ps viz. Governor, Chief Minister, Judges of Supreme/High Courts, Ministers, Speaker, Dy. Speaker, M. Ps., Leader of Opposition, M.L.As, Chief Secretary and dependent members of their families as well as equivalent dignitaries in Government of India, State Government, Government of U. Ts and dependent members of their families, Ex-Ministers, Ex-Speakers, Ex-MPs, Ex-MLAs, retired Judges of Supreme/High Courts, State guests and Ex-Chief Secretary and dependent members of their families.
- x) The accredited Journalists working in Goa and dependent members of their families.

Note: 1. For the purpose of these Rules, family means (wife or husband, parents, sons and daughters, step-children, unmarried sisters, brothers below the age of 18 if wholly dependent on him/her) as defined in Medical Attendance Rules.

Note: 2. The Medical Officer or Administrative Medical Officer of the Hospital/Institution may ask for the Income Certificate or a certificate from a competent authority to prove that the patient is a freedom fighter or Political Sufferer. It shall be left to the discretion of Medical Officer/Administrative Medical Officer/Resident admitting the patient to accept or not the income stated by the patient or his relation/friend and to accept or not that the patient is a Freedom Fighter/Political Sufferer. All in patients or his relatives or a friend on his behalf shall produce a declaration as per the form of declaration attached to this notification.

It is left to the discretion of the Medical Officer in-charge of Hospital to accept or reject this declaration.

Note: 3. Patients mentioned in Rule - 1 are entitled for free diet if admitted in General Wards.

Rule - 2. Classification: Other patients seeking Medical relief will be divided into two following categories according to their total family income and will be charged at the rates prescribed in Schedule I & II and appendices I to IV annexed to these rules.

Category I - Persons whose total income is not more than Rs. 50,000/- per year.

Category II - Persons whose total income is above Rs. 50,000/- per year and all Foreign Nationals.

Note: 1. Patients mentioned in Rule - 2 are entitled for free diet if admitted in General Ward.

Rule - 3. Employees of Mines, Quarries etc. — Employees of Mines, Quarries, Mills and Factories, Port Trust and other private or public firms will be treated as members of general public and if they have to pay fees as per this notification it will be for the patient to make such payments.

Rule - 4. Mode of payment: All the charges shall be payable in advance. But when the patients are admitted under emergencies, payments should be made within 24 hours, of admission. If 1 or 2 Public Holidays are included in these 24 hours, additional 1 or 2 days may be given to the patient's friends/relations to procure money for payment of advance.

The advance in general wards for paying patients will be Rs. 350/- per week and in special rooms will be Rs. 700/- per week, for A. C. rooms, Rs. 900/- and A. C. suits Rs. 1500/-. These advance payments should be made on first day of every week under hospitalisation. Charges for investigation in respect of outdoor paying patients are to be paid before such investigations are carried out.

For the purpose of calculation of daily charges on hospitalisation the day of admission and the day of discharge (datewise) will be reckoned as one day. And to this reckoned one day, all the days (datewise) falling in between the day of admission and the day of discharge will be added to make total number of days of hospitalisation.

In the event of death, the day of death will be treated as day of discharge. All the payments should be cleared before the patient is discharged.

Rule - 5 Refund of Fees: The in-charge of the Hospital or the Administrative Medical Officer on his behalf, is authorised to refund a portion or whole of the fees if these are found recovered erroneously from the patient.

In such cases, the competent authority shall make an order in writing giving reasons as to why the excess amount or whole amount of fees should be refunded to the patient. Such orders of refund should be carefully preserved in the office of the hospital for inspection or Audit Party's verification. This shall come into force with immediate effect.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Maria A. Rodrigues, Under Secretary (Health).

Panaji, 8th August, 1995.

Annexures to this Notification:

1. Schedule I & II
2. Appendices I, II, III & IV
3. Form of Declaration

SCHEDULE - I

(Vide Rule 2)

1. **OPD Consultations, Investigations and treatment:** O. P. D. consultations, investigations and treatment will be free for all persons included in Rule I. For categories I and II only OPD Consultations will be charged as per the rates in Appendices I, II, III & IV.

Each patient attending OPD will be charged a registration fee—Rs. 5/- for OPD paper irrespective of his category except medico legal cases/prisoners brought by police.

2. Fees for Medical Certificates:—

- a) Certificate issued to the person for the purpose of Workmen Compensation Act —Rs. 50/-
- b) Certificates issued for L. I. C. claim —Rs. 50/-
- c) Certificates issued for other purposes:
 - i) Certificate with Medical Opinion —Rs. 10/-
 - ii) Certificate recommending leave or stating that the party is fit —Rs. 10/-
 - iii) Certificate of fitness for 1st appointment in case of
 - a) non-gazetted appointment —Rs. 10/-
 - b) gazetted appointment —Rs. 50/-

d) Certificate for any other private purpose —Rs. 50/-

Note: I) All Medical/Fitness certificates issued to Government employees for bonafide Official purpose will be free of charge.

Note: II) All such certificates should mention amount of fees collected and number of receipt of fees.

SCHEDULE - II

(Vide Rule 2)

A - Ambulance and Hearse charges: Category I and II - Rs. 3.00 per Km. or as prescribed from time to time.

Note: 1. Minimum charges will be Rs. 50/- for all categories of patients.

Note: 2. The mileage for this purpose will be counted from starting point of the ambulance or hearse up to the arrival of the said starting point.

Note: 3. Sufficient advance payment to cover entire charges of the vehicle will have to be made by the patient before the vehicle is taken.

Note: 4. Private parties/institution requiring ambulance for Medical cover will be charged Rs. 4/- per km and the minimum charges will be Rs. 200/-.

B - Accommodation Charges: The accommodation charges will cover both charges for the bed and room and will not include routine diet charges. The same charges are as mentioned below:

	Category I	Category II
a) General ward	Free	Rs. 50/- per day
b) Special Unit viz. ICU, ICCU & Kidney Unit	—Do—	Rs. 100/- per day
c) Special rooms (charges for both categories)		
1. Single bed and a sofa-cum-bed with attached bath	—	Rs. 100/- per day
2. Single bed and a sofa-cum-bed without attached bath	—	Rs. 70/- per day
3. Double bed room with attached bath	—	Rs. 40/- per bed per day
4. Double bed room without attached bath	—	Rs. 30 per bed per day
5. Suites without A. C.	—	Rs. 150/- per day
6. Air conditioning charges will be extra	—	Rs. 30/- per day per A/C

Note: Patients who are not operated or who have not delivered will be charged Doctor's visit Fees of Rs. 20/- per day, minimum Rs. 100/- in addition.

Note I - Rule 2. - Category I patient if admitted in private room will be considered as category II patient from the date of admission to the hospital.

Note II - Rule 1 (1) i. e. Government employees and members of their family shall be entitled for accommodation as prescribed below. However they will have to pay the difference in case of higher type of accommodation. They will pay accommodation and diet charges only, while treatment and other charges will be free.

Rule 1 (iii) i. e. Junior Residents, Interns and equivalent shall be entitled for accommodation as per their basic pay/stipend as prescribed for Government employees. They will pay accommodation and Diet charges only. While treatment and other charges will be free.

Rule 1 (vi) i. e. Political Sufferers/Freedom Fighters when admitted in private rooms will be considered as Group B Officers and pay accommodation and Diet charges only while treatment and other charges will be free.

Rule 1 (ix) - V. I. Ps, V. V. I. Ps and members of their families are entitled free of charge V. I. P. and V. V. I. P. rooms respectively. In case above rooms are occupied by V. I. Ps., they may be admitted in private rooms free of charge. Other patients mentioned in Rule 1 (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vii), (viii) and (x) when admitted in private rooms will have to pay only accommodation and diet charges while treatment and other charges will be free.

Category	Type of accommodation
1. Group 'A' Officers drawing basic pay of Rs. 4500/- and above	Single room A/C with bath attached
2. Group 'A' Officers drawing basic pay between Rs. 2200/- to Rs. 4499/-	Single bed with sofa-cum-bed with attached bath without A/C
3. All Group 'B' Officers	Single bed room without attached bath or bed in double bed room with attached bath.
4. All Group 'C' employees	Bed in double bed room without attached bath.
5. All Group 'D'	General wards
6. VIPs, VVIPs mentioned in Rule 1(ix) and those notified by the Government from time to time.	VIP Room & VVIP suites free of charge.

Non-VIPs if admitted in these rooms will be charged as per B(c) above.

C. Routine diet charges:

Rs. 20/- per day in private rooms for all categories. Special diet if served will be charged Rs. 30/- per day. No diet charges will be recovered if patient makes arrangement for own diet. Patients mentioned in Rule I and Rule II will be given free diet in general wards.

D. Charges for Major and Minor Operations including anaesthesia and operation theatre charges and Doctor's visit:

	Category I	Category II
Major Operations	Free	Rs. 1000/-
Minor Operations	Free	Rs. 500/-

E. Delivery charges including local anaesthesia, if any and labour room charges and Doctor's visit:

	Category I	Category II
Normal delivery	Free	Rs. 500/-
Normal delivery with episiotomy	Free	Rs. 600/-

F. X-Ray Examinations, ECG, EEG and Radiation Treatment:

The details of the fees prescribed in this respect are shown in Appendices I and III.

G. Laboratory and other investigation:

Details of fees prescribed are shown in Appendix II (1, 2, 3 and 4).

H. Dental treatment and Denture making:

Details of fees prescribed are shown in Appendix IV.

I. Drugs for the indoor patients of Rule 2:

Category II should be prescribed from outside and if given during emergency should be replaced.

J. Embalming Charges:

Embalming charges of Rs. 750/- per body will be recovered from the persons requesting embalming and these charges will be same irrespective of Categories.

K. Mortuary Charges:

Dead bodies preserved in cold storage will be charged Rs. 30/- per day and unclaimed bodies will be free of charge.

L. Post-mortem done in private cases:

Post-mortem done at the request of private parties will be charged Rs. 1000/-.

M: a) *Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy*: Charges will be as follows for each sitting for patients both O.P.D. and Indoor.

	Category I	Category II
	O. P. D. & Indoor	O.P.D. & Indoor

Free Free Rs. 40/-

b) *Prosthesis*: Supplied to the patient for all the categories will be charged as per the cost of the material used for preparation of prosthetic material.

N. Dialysis:

On kidney machine Rs. 500/- per sitting including all the drugs used in the dialysis procedure chargeable to paying patients only (Category II).

O. Blood Transfusion:

Blood transfusion is done on voluntary basis and as such the donors are not entitled for compensation. In the event of a patient requiring blood transfusion on emergency, such patient will be provided blood by the Blood Bank, if available. Nevertheless, the relatives or the friends of the patient shall necessarily produce a donor acceptable to the Blood Bank. However, in the extreme impossibility of not being able to produce a donor, the hospital shall recover an amount of Rs. 400/- per bottle from all patients.

Note: All paying patients will have to fill correctly the form of Declaration annexed to this notification.

APPENDIX I**Schedule of charges for X-Ray investigations and Radium Treatment and other special Investigations**

Sr. No.	Nature of Investigations	Charges		
		Category I O.P.D. & Indoor	Category II O.P.D. & Indoor	
1.	Routine X-Ray Investigation each X-Ray	Free	Free	Rs. 50/-
2.	Specialized Investigations	Free	Free	Rs. 100/- to Rs. 400/- as per list circulated separately.
3. i)	Cat Scan (whole body)	Free	—	Rs. 1200/-
ii)	M. R. Imaging	"	—	Rs. 1500/-
iii)	Cobalt Therapy	Free	—	50 per sitting or 1000/-

Note: i) In case of doubt/clarification the Head of Dept. of Radiology/Sr. Radiologist/Radiotherapist will decide in the matter.

ii) Private referred patients will pay as per the rule of Category II above.

APPENDIX II**Schedule for Laboratory Charges****1. Pathological Investigations****A) Histopathological Investigations:**

Histopathological examination of all surgical biopsies, endoscopic biopsies, trophine biopsies and Resected Specimens.

Review of slides and specimen sent from other hospitals/Institutions. Pneumocystis carinii in tissues. (Each of above Investigation).

	<i>Category I</i>	<i>Category II</i>
	O.P.D. & Indoor	O.P.D. & Indoor

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|-----------------|-----|-----|
| i) Small tissue | Nil | 100 |
| ii) Big tissue | Nil | 200 |

B) *Morbid Anatomy*: Pathological postmortem (Pl. see schedule II (L))

C) *Haemathological Investigations*:

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|----------------------------|------|------|--|
| a) Blood Routine Test | Free | Free | — Rs. 20/- to Rs. 100/- as per the list circulated separately. |
| b) Blood Specialised Tests | Free | Free | — Rs. 25/- to Rs. 250/- as per the list circulated separately. |

D) *Other Pathological Investigations*:

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| Urine, stool, sputum, | Free | — Rs. 15/- to Rs. 75/- as per the list circulated separately. |
| C.S.F. Seminal Fluid | | |
| swab smear and cytological | | |

Note: In case of doubt/clarification the Head of Department of Pathology/Senior Pathologist will decide in the matter.

2. *Microbiological Investigations*:

	<i>Category I</i>	<i>Category II</i>
	O.P.D. & Indoor	O.P.D. & Indoor

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|-----------------|------|------|--|
| A) Bacteriology | Free | Free | — Rs. 25/- to Rs. 100/- as per the list circulated separately. |
| B) Microbiology | | | |
| C) Serology | | | |
| D) Virology | | | |

Note: In case of doubt/clarification, the Head of the Department of Microbiology/Senior Microbiologist will decide in the matter.

3. *Biochemical Investigations*:

	<i>Category I</i>	<i>Category II</i>
	O.P.D. & Indoor	O.P.D. & Indoor

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| A) Blood Investigations (Quantitative) | Free | Free | Rs. 20/- to Rs. 100/- as per list circulated separately. |
| B) Functional Tests | | | |
| C) Enzyme Assays | | | |
| D) Urine (Quantitative) | | | |
| E) Cerebro Spinal Fluid | | | |
| F) Pleural Fluid Test | | | |
| G) Special Tests | | | |
| H) Stool (Quantitative) | | | |

Note: In case of doubt/clarification, the Head of the Department of Biochemistry/Senior Biochemical specialist will decide in the matter.

	<i>Category I</i>	<i>Category II</i>
	O.P.D. & Indoor	O.P.D. & Indoor

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| 4. Blood Bank Investigations | Free | Free | Rs. 20/- to Rs. 50/- as per list circulated separately. |
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APPENDIX III

Other Medical Investigations and Procedures

	<i>Category I</i>	<i>Category II</i>
	O.P.D. & Indoor	O.P.D. & Indoor

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| 01. Electrocardiography (ECG) | Free | 100 |
| 02. Echocardiography-colour doppler-films | " | 200 |
| 03. Computerised stress test | " | 250 |
| 04. Coronary angiography with plate | " | 400 |
| 05. a) Cardiac Pacing | " | 500 |
| b) Permanent Pacemaker implantation (excluding pacemaker) | " | 1500 |
| 06. Nebulisation per sitting excluding drug | " | 20 |
| 07. Pulmonary Function test | " | 75 |
| 08. Tuberculin test | " | 20 |
| 09. Allergy testing | " | 200 |
| 10. Basal Metabolic Rate | " | 100 |
| 11. Electro Encephalography plate (E.E.G.) | " | 300 |
| 12. Blood Gas Analysis | " | 100 |
| 13. Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)/Narco Analysis/Behaviour Therapy | " | 300 per sitting |

Note: In case of doubt/clarification regarding above investigation the respective Head of Department of the Senior Consultant will decide.

APPENDIX IV

	<i>Category I</i>	<i>Category II</i>
	O.P.D. & Indoor	O.P.D. & Indoor

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| A) Treatment charges in the Department of Oral Medicine & Dento-Maxillofacial Diagnostic Imaging, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Periodontics, Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics, Paediatric Dentistry, Orthodontics, & Dentofacial Orthopaedics, Presthodontics including Crown & Bridge & Implant Dentistry; Oral Pathology, Community Dentistry at Goa Dental College & Hospital, Bambolim. | Free | — Rs. 20/- to Rs. 60 as per the list circulated separately. |
| B) Restoration of Teeth (Filling) | Free | |
| C) Root Canal Treatment (RCT) | " | |
| C) Prosthodontic Treatment (partial, Full Denture, Crown & Bridge) | " | |
| D) Orthodontic Treatment (Removable & fixed Appliance) | " | |

Actual cost of Material +15%.

Note: In case of doubt/clarification regarding above investigation, the respective Head of Department or the treating Senior consultant will decide.

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FORM OF DECLARATION
(please see Note 2 below Rule 1)

O. P. D./Indoor

"A" NON PAYING PATIENTS

Patient's Data

Name: Age: Sex: Hosp. No.:

Occupation: Monthly Income:

Address in Full:

I, hereby declare that the above patient falls in Category I/under Rule 1 ()

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Signature or left hand thumb
impression of patient or person
accompanying the patient.

Date:

Note: If the Medical Officer on duty or the Administrative Medical Officer thinks that the Income stated by the patient or his/her friend/relative is not correct he/she may be asked to produce a certificate from competent authority giving details of income.

"B" for categories II, and paying patients only and those admitted in Private Rooms.

O. P. D./Indoor

For Payment of
Hospital Fees

Person Responsible

Name

Age..... Sex..... Occupation

Relation to patient.....

Address in full

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Advance deposited Rs.

Receipt No.

Date

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Signature of Clerk on duty

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Signature or left hand thumb
impression of patient or person
responsible for payment.